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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2014

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 18, 2014.

I hereby appoint the Honorable THOMAS E. PETRI to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:
Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Once again we come to You to ask wisdom, patience and peace for the Members of the people's House. As they encounter their constituents, endow them with grace and understanding, especially of those issues which are most pressing.

Please keep all who work for the people's House in good health, that they might faithfully fulfill the great responsibility given them in their service to the work of the Capitol.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done here this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Chair of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; which was read and, without objection, referred to the Committee on Appropriations:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

Washington, DC, July 18, 2014.

Hon. JOHN BOEHNER,
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
The Capitol, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: On July 16, 2014, pursuant to section 3307 of Title 40, United States Code, the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure met in open session to con-

sider resolutions to authorize 27 prospectuses, including 24 alteration projects, two construction projects, and one project design, included in the General Services Administration's FY 2014 and FY2015 Capital Investment and Leasing Programs.

Our Committee continues to work to cut waste and the cost of federal property and leases. The resolutions include eliminating or reducing previously approved construction projects, saving nearly \$300 million. Many of the alteration resolutions will reconfigure government-owned space to consolidate agencies out of leased space and avoid \$610 million in lease costs over the term of the leases. These savings more than offset the total cost of the approved projects by more than \$80 million. All the projects approved are within amounts included in the relevant appropriations bills.

I have enclosed copies of the resolutions adopted by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on July 16, 2014.

Sincerely,

BILL SHUSTER,
Chairman.

Enclosures.

COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

ALTERATION—CONSOLIDATION ACTIVITIES,
VARIOUS BUILDINGS

Resolved by the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure of the U.S. House of Representatives, that pursuant to 40 U.S.C. §3307, appropriations are authorized for the reconfiguration and renovation of space within government-owned buildings during fiscal year 2014 to improve space utilization, optimize inventory, and decrease reliance on leased space at a total cost of \$70,000,000, a prospectus as amended by the FY2014 Consolidation Activities Expenditure Plan for which is attached to and included in this resolution.

Provided, that consolidation projects result in reduced annual rent paid by the tenant agency.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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